

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

<b>Austin City Council</b>	<b>Item ID:</b>	7214	<b>Agenda Number</b>	50.
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	June 23, 2011			
<b>Department:</b>	Purchasing			
<b>Subject</b>				
Approve ratification of a contract with FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC., Georgetown, TX for the purchase of pipe and appurtenances for the emergency construction of a by-pass line for the Austin Water Utility for a total contract amount not to exceed \$90,126.17.				
<b>Amount and Source of Funding</b>				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility.				
<b>Fiscal Note</b>				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	Emergency Purchase.			
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	[Redacted]			
<b>For More Information:</b>	Sydney Ceder, Sr. Buyer, 974-2035			
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	Reviewed by Water and Wastewater Commission on June 8, 2011.			
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This was an emergency service contract; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.			
<b>Related Items:</b>	[Redacted]			
<b>Additional Backup Information</b>				

The Austin Water Utility has an on-going project to investigate the cause of leaking water at a reclaimed water ground storage tank at the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The tank is critical to the operation of the reclaimed water in central Austin. Realizing the criticality of the tank and the consequences of its failure, the Utility arranged for the design of a by-pass line and began to purchase materials for the by-pass line construction. On April 12, a new leak was noted at the tank. This leak was fundamentally different in nature than previous leaks and continued to grow in volume over the next few days. An emergency affidavit was executed to purchase the materials to construct the by-pass line. The ground storage tank has been drained and a temporary patch has been put in place to minimize the leakage while the by-pass line is constructed.